

Chairman Henry A. Waxman released the following statement in response to a letter from EPA Administrator Johnson:

“This is a transparent delaying tactic and a major reversal of EPA’s position. In December, Administrator Johnson found that CO₂ emissions endanger the environment and proposed new standards for motor vehicles. Today’s action repudiates those efforts.

“I sent a letter to Administrator Johnson on March 12, 2008, that described his December determinations and the extensive EPA effort that supported his actions. Shortly thereafter, *Inside EPA* reported that the Heritage Foundation circulated a memorandum to Senators urging them to call the White House. According to the memo from the Heritage Foundation, which *Inside EPA* released, Senators were urged to ask for ‘EPA to issue an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking information on the issues involved in a CO₂ endangerment finding and resulting carbon dioxide regulations and **not** make an endangerment finding.’ This is precisely the action announced today.

“The Bush Administration is recklessly abandoning its responsibility to address the global warming crisis.”

[Chairman Waxman's March 12, 2008, letter to Administrator Johnson](#) ; [EPA Administrator Johnson's March 27, 2008, letter to Chairman Waxman](#)

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